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SUBJECT: ROKG REACTION TO JAPANESE OVERTURE RE KIM DONG WUN CASE

REF: TOKYO 15529 (DTG 300855Z OCT 75)

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM EMBOFF, MOFA ASST. ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR GONG RO-MYUNG CONFIRMED GOJ "INFORMAL" APPROACH IN SEOUL, FOLLOWED BY REQUEST FOR ROK AMBASSADOR TO SEE ASST FOREIGN MIN IN TOKYO REGARDING KIM DONG WUN CASE. GONG SAID HE TALKED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELLOR OCT 29 ABOUT THE CASE AND TOLD HIM IT WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER TO BE SETTLED BETWEEN THE GOJ AND THE DIET. GONG SAID HE REFERRED TO THE ROKG-GOJ UNDERSTANDING WHICH PROVIDED THAT THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE WOULD NOT BE RAISED AGAIN BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND SAID THAT HE WOULD CONSIDER THE JAPANESE EMBASSY APPROACH TO BE A PRIVATE UNOFFICIAL ONE WHICH HE NEED NOT REPORT TO HIS SUPERIORS. HE SAID THE JAPANESE COUNSELLOR AGREED TO THIS SOLUTION WITH ALACRITY.

2. GONG SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT APPROACH WAS BEING TAKEN IN TOKYO BY THE GOJ AND THE ROK EMBASSY, BUT SINCE THE ROK
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AMBASSADOR WAS AWARE OF THE ROKG-GOJ UNDERSTANDING WITH REGARD

TO THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE HE ASSUMED THE TOKYO CONVERSATIONS
WOULD REACH THE SAME CONCLUSION.

3. GONG SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY MORE TO COME OF THE
MATTER. THE ROKG ATTITUDE IS THAT THE KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE IS
CLOSED AND THE ROKG AND GOJ HAVE AGREED THAT THEY WILL NOT
RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN OFFICIALLY. THUS THE RESOLUTION OF
ANY PROBLEMS IN THE DIET REGARDING THE CASE AND THE PREVENTION
OF ITS DEVELOPING INTO A PROBLEM BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IS
IN THIS INSTANCE A JAPANESE RESPONSIBILITY. THE ROKG IS WILLING
TO HELP BY LISTENING TO "UNOFFICIAL" JAPANESE OVERTURES AND
THE LIKE, BUT THE GOJ WILL HAVE TO HANDLE THE JSP.
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